

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, CONTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC., d/b/a GTE MINNESOTA, AND VAST-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-16
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued September 20, 1999)

On September 3, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Vast-Tel Communications, Inc., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-99-16.

Under the procedures in IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-38.7(4) (1998), the parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. Thus, the Board will accept written comments on or before October 4, 1999. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on September 3, 1999, by GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Vast-Tel Communications, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-99-16.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before October 4, 1999.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of September, 1999.